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ATTRACTING, BUILDING AND UTILIZING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST, HEART-TO-HEART~NEIGHBOR-TO-NEIGHBOR

PLEASE COME AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS OF GOOD SHEPHERD FOR THE JOURNEY TOWARD CELEBRATION! HOLY WEEK AND EASTER IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

You are invited to come along side the pastors, staff and friends of Good Shepherd and the surrounding community for one of, if not the most impacting weeks of the Christian faith. Plan now to attend any and all of the special worship services which will lead you to Easter morning which is the “grand daddy” of all celebrations. On Easter we celebrate the conquering of death with life and the conquering of sin with forgiveness. Whether you are a life- long Christ follower or one who is just beginning to discover God and your faith, Holy week will encourage you and inspire you. Childcare will be provided for all of the Holy Week worship services.

It all begins on **Palm Sunday, April 17, at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.** On that day, we will celebrate the day that Jesus came to Jerusalem to the cheers of the waiting crowd who laid palm branches (a sign of honor for royalty) on the ground as he walked by. The worship service will end on a somber note, however, as we foreshadow what is to come during the last week of his life. A traditional stripping of the sanctuary will take place to remind us that the celebration is short lived as Jesus has a more important call upon his life.

On **Thursday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will commemorate the last meal (known as the Last Supper) that Jesus shared with his disciples (students) before his death. At that meal, he gave us the gift of a ritual (a habitual practice of faith) and a sacrament (sacred experience) which we call Holy Communion. At this worship service, we will focus on Holy Communion and the remembrance of that night. It will be a meaningful experience to share with friends and family.

On **Friday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m.**, we will gather for a somber and deepening experience of worship as we remember the day that Jesus died. Although we know the end of the story which we will celebrate on Easter morning, this is a day when we wrestle with the reality of his death. Almost as a memorial service we will listen to the cause of his death and what happens during a crucifixion. The sanctuary will be darkened and candles will be utilized to aid us in our journey. You will be invited to walk in the shoes of the followers of Jesus on that terrible day he died. We will come face to face with the cost of His sacrifice for us! It is the fruition of God’s plan to save a sinful and dying world. We will leave with the final reminder that “Sunday is Comin’.”

Saturday, April 23, at 6:00 p.m. we will take one final look at the tomb as we wait and contemplate the feelings of waiting. Through music and message we will be encouraged to wait for what God has in store for us.

Easter Sunday, April 24, at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. we will celebrate the resurrection (coming back to life from death) of Jesus the Christ at all three of our Sunday services with music, message, prayer and God’s word.

Childcare will be provided for all of the worship services.

EACH BOX A NEW SURPRISE!

A WORD FROM PASTOR CRAIG

We made a pact, “When we get into our new house, we will unpack every single box so that we do not end up with stuff we never use!” And so the experience has begun. I remarked about some antique goblets that had been placed in our hutch, “I haven’t seen those glasses from my great grandmother in a while.”

“They’ve been in a box for the last 12 years,” was Linda’s reply. What a surprise! Each box that we open has become a new surprise as treasure after treasure (my euphemism for old stuff that I like) is unveiled. It’s not quite like Christmas, but it is a lot of fun and creates lots of conversations about our lives and ministry and family over the years.

It has been like that for me as I have been meandering the halls, attending meetings, and leading worship at Good Shepherd. Each day is like unpacking a new box as I meet new people, learn of new ministries and find yet another room that I have not yet explored. Each new introduction brings a story and history to the surface that I have

not heard and that I hope is refreshing to tell for the one to whom I am listening. Each week I meet a member’s spouse, child, children, parents and friends. Each week, I get to know a little more about each person and each week, this church which was such a stranger to me only 6 weeks ago, becomes more like home.

This is the goal for our faith community; to unpack our faith and God’s love in such a way to new people that they experience it as a pleasant surprise. We need to remember that although we may feel comfortable here, and that we may know everything that is going on and the names of all of the different programs, it is much different to a new person. We have to take that “old stuff” out of our “boxes” and share it again with those who have not encountered it before. It means that we have to always be thinking what it is like for a person to be reading the bulletin, the newsletter or experiencing worship or family night for the very first time.

This week, be conscious of how you can unpack your ministry in a new way that makes sense to new people. May it be a pleasant surprise to you to discover what a joy it is to others to unpack your “old stuff” for the very first time.



Gospel Gathering

Sat., April 23, 6:00 p.m.

The Gospel Gathering is a worship experience emphasizing gospel hymns and southern gospel music which meets the fourth Saturday of each month. On **April 23**, the Gathering remembers Christ’s sacrifice in song and anticipates the joy of Easter morning.

TAIZE/LABYRINTH WORSHIP SERVICE

Because the fourth Sunday in April is Easter Sunday, there will not be a Taize/Labyrinth Worship Service in April. Please plan to attend the next service on **May 22**.



Festival Choir

The grand celebration of Jesus’ resurrection calls for some of our best music, and you’re invited to join in the special Festival Choir for Easter Sunday, April 24.

Rehearsals are:

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, April 17, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

Everyone interested in singing in this special choir is invited to the rehearsals. Questions? Call Dennis Campbell at 483-8816 or 432-5162.



Lilies, Tulips, Regal Geraniums, Miniature Roses & Daffodils will decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning. If you would like to donate flowers, please use this order form. All plants come in 6" pots. Flowers may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. Please return this form to the church office by April 15 and make checks payable to Good Shepherd.

___Lilies \$10.00; ___Tulips \$8.00; ___Geraniums \$8.00; ___Miniature Roses \$8.00; ___Daffodils \$8.00

___ Given in Memory of: _____

___ Given in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____ Envelope # _____

*All plants may be picked up after the 11:00 AM Service on Easter

*Welcome
to our
family.*

August Elijah Zane Schmidt Schulenberg

Born: February 15, 2011

Parents: Mark and Heidi Schulenberg

&

Savannah Grace Hampton

Born: March 23, 2011

Parents: Adam and Tricia Hampton

&

Jillian Elizabeth Weikel

Born: March 25, 2011

Parents: Barry and Corrina Weikle

Calling All Babysitters!



Early Childhood Ministries is putting together a list of interested individuals who would like to babysit. This list would be available to families in our congregation who are looking for sitters. If you are interested, give your information; name, age, if you drive, if you are Red Cross certified (not required), available day/nights, etc. to Lori Fehlinger, Early Childhood Director. Your information needs to be turned in Friday, April 22. You can drop off your information to Lori's mailbox (in the hall between the office and the kitchen) or email it to: Lfehlinger@fwgoodshepherd.org.

This list would be for personal use only. There will not be back ground checks on anyone or references checked. A completed list will be available by early to mid May.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lori at 483-8816 or 492-4182.



To Our Good Shepherd Family,

Thank you for your prayers, visits and other support during surgery and rehab. We are blessed to have faith in God, and to be a part of a caring congregation. ~Sharon and Paul Beam

Your thoughts, prayers and visits were such a blessing while Bob was in the hospital - thank you!
~Bob and Bonnie Hansen



Well done
Good AND FAITHFUL
Servant!

Our sincere condolences to the families and friends
of those who have gone before us.

Gary Adang – April 12, 1952-March 14, 2011

Carolyn Macke – October 27, 1930-March 16, 2011

YOUTH MINISTRIES



SUMMER CAMP

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 6 - NO activities, enjoy Spring Break

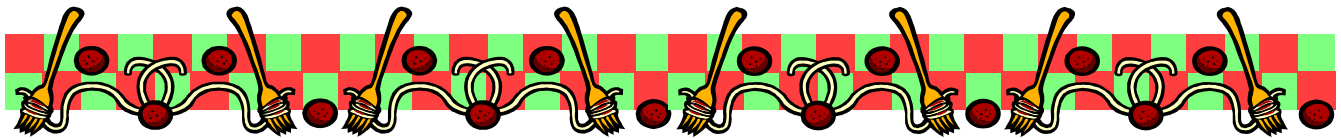
April 13 - Head over to Shoaff Park - fly kites, kickball, Frisbee golf?... We will leave at 5:45. (weather permitting)

April 20 - Youth group at church - guest speaker

April 27 - Service Project - Neighborhood clean-up start at 6:30 (weather permitting)

Middle School students, don't miss the first cut-off for reduced summer camp fees. The suggested week for Good Shepherd kids is June 26-July 1. See Deb Miteff to get your camp codes, and keep using the scrip to help offset the fees.

High School students; see Deb to make your deposit for camp and reserve your spot. We will be leaving **June 26** and returning **July 1**. PLEASE see the SCRIP ladies with your orange order forms to help offset fees. ThatThing cost for the week is \$315. Make payments to Deb Miteff.



SPAGHETTI DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION

May 15

6:00—8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per meal

You won't want to miss the fun!!!

In addition to a great meal, there will be an auction of some incredible desserts.

Proceeds to support our Youth summer activities

For additional information or questions, contact: Paula Fox at: dandpfox@hotmail.com
Donations of desserts from youth, adults and caring individuals are certainly encouraged.



GRADUATE BREAKFAST

All High School and College graduates and their families are invited to a recognition breakfast on Sunday, **June 5**, at 8:30 a.m.

followed by recognition in the worship service at 9:45 a.m. We would like a short bio of each student along with a picture. These can be submitted to Deb Miteff at: DAMITEFF@fwgoodshepherd.org or by mail to the church address. When making reservations for breakfast, please indicate number attending; family members are welcome.



Collection has begun for new or gently used shoes and continues through April 17. Shoes will be distributed to youth in Fort Wayne Community Schools and other area schools in Allen County. A collection box is located in the Narthex.

You're invited to attend
Smart Discipline

PROGRAM FOR PARENTS
America's Most Well-Attended Seminar!

For your peace of mind and your child's self-esteem

Just answer this...would you come out of your snug home for a guaranteed way to stop the fighting and bickering between your kids... or, to get your kids to do what you ask the first time (without screaming at the top of your lungs)? If your answer is "yes", we have a great deal for you! We're bringing the nationally acclaimed Smart Discipline workshop to our place. You'll learn guaranteed ways to sky-rocket self-esteem (even in negative kids) and proven techniques to get your kids to cooperate! Sounds absolutely wonderful, doesn't it? We hope you will treat yourself and join the fun. We've even made signing up simple. Just fill out the form below, or give us a call. It'll only take a minute, and it'll make a tremendous difference! We'll be waiting!



SMART DISCIPLINE
A PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

Thursday, May 5, 2011, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. ~ Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

RSVP your spot today! Fax this form to 260-484-7415
or call 260-483-8816

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

of seats: _____ \$15/person OR \$25/couple

Child care will be provided! # of children: _____

Please mail this form and a check payable to: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
4700 Vance Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46815




For taking
a little time
to make a
BIG
difference!



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION APRIL 17 – 25

Good Shepherd is blessed to have so many who give of their time to make the ministries of Good Shepherd happen. Teaching Sunday School, Leading Choirs,

serving Family Night Dinner, Praying, Serving on Committees, Providing for Funeral Dinners, the list goes on and on and on. It really is a testimony to the amazing way God moves in our lives. This month, we want to take a moment to say thank you. Beginning Sunday, **April 17**, there will be displays and baskets in the hallways to highlight many of the volunteer ministries and small thank you gifts for the persons involved in those ministries. If you are a volunteer in any of these areas, please come by the displays and pick up your appreciation gift. If you aren't a volunteer, please stop by and take a look at the many opportunities and say a prayer of thanks for the blessings of service.



To all are seniors of all ages: We have renamed the Senior Luncheon the Joy Club! We are still meeting on the forth Tuesday of the month for lunch at 11:30. We will also have a theme and devotion, with by a program or fun event. In addition to that, there are plans for some short trips and some fun days to get together. We are all getting older but we are still young at heart. So join us no matter what your age.

Look for a sign-up sheet in main hallway or make your reservations for each of these events or email

Kristi Moschel at tigklm1461@hotmail.com or call the church office at 483-8816.

Upcoming Events:

April 15 - 1st Assembly of God to see "The Savior". Meet at the church at 6:45 p.m. - cost is \$10/person.

April 19 - All skill levels are welcome to help make Easter Cards for our shut ins. We will meet in Raasch Hall at 1:00 p.m. and coffee and cookies will be shared.

April 26 - Luncheon 11:30 a.m. in Raasch Hall



The Membership Intensive class is geared for those that find it difficult to make four gatherings.

All four elements of the membership class are offered in the course of one Friday evening and a Saturday. The

Faith Friend Dinner will be held on that same Friday Evening and lunch will be provided on Saturday with the class joining the following morning at the 8:30 p.m. Worship service. For more information, please contact Paulette Ross at 493-4597.

Intensive – August 5 & 6
Joining - August 7

Pennsylvania Work Camp ~ An Opportunity to Serve June 12 - 18

Want to do something different this summer? Feeling the nudge to give back or pay it forward? Want to step out of your box a little? The Pennsylvania Work Camp means different things to different people but serving God and others in this way is an adventure you will never forget! There are always a variety of things to do so all skill levels in many areas are needed and there is always lots to do. Meals are included as well as your own private sleeping space

on a twin bed. Lodging is in a 100+ year old home that was built by a coal barren and now is a retreat center owned by the Byzantine Church. The cost is \$130 per person and includes your room for seven nights and 16 meals - now that's a bargain! The work team will be working with Rev. Shawn Goodwin and Connellsville Area Community Ministries which is a mission of the General Board of Global Missions and the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. Along with sweat and sore muscles, there will also be fellowship, fun and games. Be a part of the team and find out what it means to personally reach out heart-to-heart and neighbor-to-neighbor! For more information, contact Bonnie Elam at 341-1687.



FAMILY NIGHT TAKES A BREAK

Family night will **not** meet on Wednesday, **April 6**, as the leaders and participants enjoy Spring Break. Celebrate God's renewal of nature in some creative way, and we'll join for fellowship, food, study and ministry preparation again on **April 13**.



HEARTS & HANDS

This very special day for women is a day you won't want to miss! The second annual **Hearts & Hands** day retreat will be held on Saturday, **April 16**, 2011 in Raasch Hall from 10:00 a.m.–

2:00 p.m. **All ladies are invited.** Led by Anne Bunch, (United Methodist Women Indiana Conference Membership Officer), the program is "Tied Up In Knots" and promises to be inspiring, uplifting and informative. Don't miss this wonderful day of fellowship, food, door prizes, and the option to participate in an on-hands mission project. The price is \$10 and you can register in the back hall. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Good Shepherd.

ABIGAIL CIRCLE MAY 11

The next Abigail Circle meeting will be Wednesday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m. in room 138. Ruth Arnold will be the leader and devotions will be shared by Dorothy Schlatter. The program will be given by Pastor Craig and Linda Duke. Barb Robbins, Arlene Swaider and Patsy Matthews will hostess and the commitment will be the Emergency Fund.

ALL women are welcome to attend.

MISSION LUNCH

Join us on Sunday, **May 29**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a great lunch with a baked potato bar and dessert. If you prefer, carry out will be available. Suggested donation of \$5.00 for missions. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Sign up is appreciated and will be in the back hall.

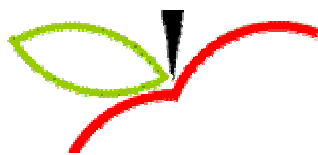


ANNUAL GARAGE SALE JULY 15 - 16

The Good Shepherd United Methodist Women will again sponsor a giant garage sale in the Activity Center this summer to raise funds for missions. Your spring-cleaning-treasures are needed and can be dropped off at the church in early July. (No adult clothes please.) There will also be a bake sale during the garage sale and donations are needed. Please contact Janis Bohnstedt, Sharon Jones, or Louise Troehler for more details.

EASTER CHOCOLATES

The United Methodist Women are making Easter Chocolates especially for you! They will be available between services and on Wednesday nights in the back hall. Fill those special baskets and gifts with these wonderful chocolates. Proceeds from the sale of the chocolates will go to missions here at Good Shepherd and around the world.



GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL

The preschool spring program is **May 1** at 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 p.m. Along with the spring program we will have our annual art show and scholastic book fair.

Grandparents Day will be **May 9** and **10** if you would like to be a surrogate grandparent to a child that does not have one please let Robin know so we can get you set up with a child.

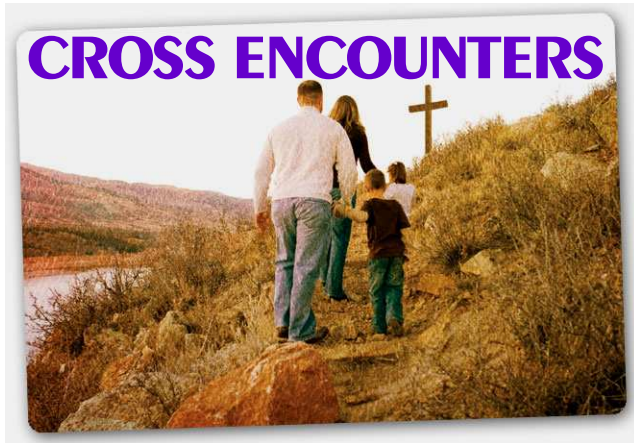
The last days of school are **May 19** and **20**.

There are still openings in several classes; sign up soon for the 2011/2012 school year.

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College Care

It's hard to believe that finals are just around the corner for our college students! In May, Good Shepherd sends Pizza Hut gift cards to our students to show them our support and love. If you would like to donate to this fund, please mark your checks accordingly.

www.fwgoodshcpherd.org IS YOUR LINK TO EVERYTHING GOOD SHEPHERD - CHECK IT OUT!

	<p>Francis Mustapha's Sierra Leone Blog</p>		<p>Pastor Craig's Weekly Devotional</p>
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LAMB STORY CORRECTION

The person that helped Mrs. Yoder take the lambs to the veterans was Kelley Hathaway. Thanks, Kelley, for reaching out heart-to-heart ~ neighbor-to-neighbor!